The Nativity of our Lord

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF MILLBURY
ST. BRIGID † OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

PARISH OFFICES ARE LOCATED AT:

St. Brigid Parish
59 Main Street, Millbury, MA 01527
Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM
(508) 865-6624 • **Fax:** (508) 865-3101

Assumption Parish Phone: (508) 865-2657

St. Vincent de Paul: (774) 262-5506

www.assumptionmillbury.org
www.stbrigidparish.org

Check our websites for individual email addresses.

MASS TIMES

Assumption Church
12 Waters Street

Mon. & Thurs.: 9:00 AM
Tues. & Wed.: 7:00 AM
Sun.: 9:00 AM

St. Brigid Church
59 Main Street

Sat.: 4:00 PM
Sun.: 7:00 AM & 11:00 AM

PASTORAL & ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Fr. Dan Mulcahy, *Pastor*

Deacon Ron Buron, K.H.S., *Permanent Deacon*
Facilities Manager

Sister Jeanne Richard, S.A.S.V.,
Pastoral Care Ministry

Claudette Belair, *Music Director*

Greg Bernard, *Faith Formation (Gr. K-12)*
Family Ministry

Kathy Buron, *Safe Environment Coordinator*

Donna Gazaille, *Administrative Assistant*

Ronald Marlborough, *Maintenance Director*

Carol Trainque, *RCIA Director*
Liturgical Coordinator

Members of the staff may be contacted by calling the Parish Offices at (508) 865-6624. The offices are open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM until 3:00 PM. If the offices are closed, feel free to leave a voicemail and we will get back to you as soon as we are able.

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Reconciliation/Confession

Saturdays 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM
or anytime upon request.

Baptism

Baptism Gatherings, to prepare families for the sacrament of Baptism, are held 4 times a year. Baptisms are held each month.
For more information, or to make arrangements, please call the parish offices at (508) 865-6624.

Marriage

Please call the rectory at least one year in advance.

Anointing of the Sick and Communion Calls

Please call the rectory when a parishioner is confined at home, is in the hospital, or placed in a nursing home or hospice. Holy Communion is brought weekly to all shut-ins.

Assumption School
Millbury, MA
A legacy of learning...a history with heart

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Assumption School
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Millbury, MA 01527
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john.hoogasian@assumption-cs.org
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Sat., December 24

4:00 PM **Rochelle Laporte**
By: The Laporte and Balise Families

6:00 PM **Ellen Norton**
By: Bob and Gail Faron

Midnight **Roger Bourdeau**
(25th Anniversary)
By: Aline Bourdeau

Sun., December 25

10:00 AM **Steven Duso**
(57th Birthday Remembrance)
By: Mom and Dad

Mon., December 26

9:00 AM **No Mass/No Communion Service**

Tues., December 27

7:00 AM **Communion Service**

Wed., December 28

7:00 AM **Communion Service**

Thurs., December 29

9:00 AM **Communion Service**

Sat., December 31

4:00 PM **Raymond DeRouin**
(2nd Anniversary)
By: His Wife, Maureen

Sun., January 1

7:00 AM **Calvino Araujo**
By: Fr. Dan

9:00 AM **Mary Murphy**
By: Cathy Piorkowski

11:00 AM **Nora Trainor**
By: Marie Clarice Lemay

(Our apologies for any errors or misspelled names.)

Saturday, December 31, 4:00 PM at St. Brigid

L: B. & G. Travers *AS: T. Yaz, J. Prue*
EM: P. Correia, P. Michalak, T. & F. Jakubiak

Sunday, January 1, 7:00 AM at St. Brigid

L: J. Mazeika *AS: J. Mazeika, C. Belsito*
EM: J. Dunn, W. Blunt

Sunday, January 1, 9:00 AM at Assumption

L: J. Hoban *AS: A. Seaman, M. Hoban*
EM: M. Le, L. Flagg, K. Barrett, R. Bazin

Sunday, January 1, 11:00 AM at St. Brigid

L: R. Spain *AS: D. & T. Hanson*
EM: P. & J. Prince

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Christ is Born!

Scripture for the week of December 25, 2016

25 SUN Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25, Night: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14, Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/ Lk 2:15-20, Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
26 Mon Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
27 Tue 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
28 Wed 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18
29 Thu 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
30 Fri Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/ Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
31 Sat 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN THIS WEEK:

Our Lady of the Assumption Candle

In loving memory of
Rochelle Laporte
Requested by the Laporte and Balise Families

St Brigid Candles

In loving memory of
Steven Duso
As a 57th birthday remembrance
Requested by his mom and dad

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Remember in Prayer this Week:

Those who serve in our Military:

Patrick Hafferty Nicole Leonard
Brandon Perkins Marc Winchester

Reminder: Forms are available at each parish to add names to the Prayer List or call the rectory at 508-865-6624 with your request. Names will be removed on a monthly basis.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER
Prayer Line 508-865-5373

If you, or someone you know, is in need of prayer, call the confidential prayer line listed above.

Rest in Peace

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the soul of William Bowler who has gone home to God. May he rest in Christ's eternal light and peace.

REMEMBRANCE SECTION

Would you like to remember a loved one in our Remembrance section? The cost of enrollment will be a $50 donation for the year. Please contact Donna at (508) 865-6624 to enroll your loved one.

In Remembrance:

John & Julia Anger
Lee Aubin
Jeanne Augustine
Larry F. Army
Arthur G. Boucher
Natalie Bourdeau
Patricia Bourdeau
Sylvio E. Bourdeau
Frank Cammuso, Jr.
Gladys Carroll
Philip Chabot, Sr.
Donna "Gain" Cournoyer
Roland O. Couture
Gerald & Peggy Croteau
George A. D'Auteuil, Jr.
George A. D'Auteuil, Sr.
Raymond DeRouin
Armand Desorcy
Joseph Dunn
Timothy P. Eckland
Lois M. Fisher
William Gain, Jr.
Bernice Gaudere
Raymond Godbout
Ruth Gonsorcik
Daniel Guadagnoli
Derek Hamilton
Matthew Hartline
Paul J. Jandron
Joanne Juskavitch
Claire Kobel
Richard Kroll
Lillian Langevin
Tan Le
Edward L. Lemoine
Kevin Lemoine
Rita Lemoine
June Ann Leonard
Lorraine Letendre
Mark Lizotte
William and Irene Louis
Ralph & Helen Ludvigson
Marilyn McLeod
Leo & Jane Metivier
Kenneth Michalak
Mary B. Mrozinski
Daniel R. Mulcahy, Sr.
Joseph Noonan
Albert Nikosey
John P. O'Malley
Janet Parsekian
Anne Rita Pierce
Elaine Roy
Darlene Russell
Dorothy Russell
Marshall Russell
Michael W. Russell
William Russell
Pauline Smith
C. Richard Stockhaus
Frederick Stockwell
Sandra Lee Stockwell
Margaret E. Stockwell
Joseph F. Stockwell
Neal R. Thomas
Edward Tokus
Robert E. Vaillancourt
Lucille Vecchione
Margaret Wendt
Ronald Woodward
Frank J. Yaz

SUNDAY ~ DECEMBER 25TH

Mass @ SBC - 10:00 AM

MONDAY ~ DECEMBER 26TH

AA @ SBH - 7:00 PM
GA @ OLAH - 7:30 PM

TUESDAY ~ DECEMBER 27TH

CaFÉ @ SBH - 11:00 AM
Holy Hour @ OLAC - 5:50 PM - 6:50 PM

THURSDAY ~ DECEMBER 29TH

Scouts @ SBH - 6:00 PM

SUNDAY ~ JANUARY 1ST

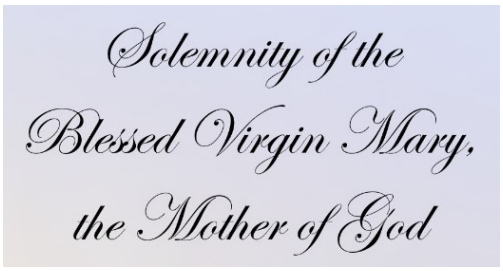
No Children's Liturgy of the Word
SLA @ SBH - 7:30 PM

KEY TO LOCATIONS

SBC=St. Brigid Church
SBH=St. Brigid Hall
CPO=Catholic Parish Offices
OLAC=Assumption Church
OLAH=Assumption Hall
OLAS= Assumption School

Check out the Catholic Parishes of Millbury website: millburymusic.weebly.com
If you enjoyed the music at the Christmas services, or if you were elsewhere and would like to hear the music, listen to selections listed under performances Christmas 2016.

Thank you for your flower donations in honor/memory of your loved ones. Their names are inscribed in a book which is a part of our Christmas decorations in each of the churches. Know that your loved ones will be remembered at all of our Christmas Masses.



NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

December 31st ~ Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

St. Brigid:
4:00 PM Mass

January 1st ~ The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

St. Brigid:
7:00 AM Mass

Our Lady of the Assumption:
9:00 AM Mass

St. Brigid:
11:00 AM Mass

We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

In Christ,
Fr. Dan, Deacon Ron, Sr. Jeanne
and the Staff of the Catholic
Parishes of Millbury

STEWARDSHIP

St. Brigid Parish
Income
Weekend of December 10/11, 2016

Regular Weekly Collection	$5,651.00
Electronic Giving (12/5 - 12/11, 2016)	$770.00
Total Regular Weekly Collection	**$6,421.00**
Other Parish Income:	
Mass Stipends	$35.00
Candles	$40.00
Utilities *(includes online when applicable)*	$362.00
In Remembrance *(Bulletin)*	$50.00
Christmas Flowers	$299.50
Grand Annual	$115.00
Christmas	$42.00
Immaculate Conception	$697.50
Baptism Donation	$25.00
St. Gobain Matching Gift	$250.00
Chain of Lights (CSAW)	$1,225.00
All Saints	$20.00
Solemnity of Mary	$19.00
Total Other Income	**$3,180.00**
Total Income for Operating Expenses	**$9,601.00**
Other Non-Parish Income:	
Debt	$511.00
Debt *(Electronic Giving)*	$65.00
Specialty Ministries	$100.00
SVDP	$330.00

St. Brigid Cash Flow
December 8, 2016 - December 14, 2016

Payroll *(Week end 12/10)*	$5,849.14
Payroll Taxes *(Includes Employee's Share)*	$2,532.43
PayChex, Inc. *(Payroll Processing Fee)*	$49.78
RC Bishop of Worcester *(403 B Plan)*	$157.48
Adult Faith Formation Stipend	$5,000.00
Youth Faith Formation Stipends	$2,250.00
KMB IT Consulting *(2 Year Website Fee)*	$60.32
Millbury Rubbish	$118.80
OCP Publications *(Replacement Book Covers)*	$339.61
Rose Therese Cap & Gown Company	$143.00
RC Bishop of Worcester *(Budget Bill)*	$4,202.00
Republic Business *(Hosts/Wine)*	$184.90
RC Bishop of Worcester *(Health Insurance)*	$3,905.81
Total Monies Paid	**$24,793.27**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Dec. 24/25 …
Thank You to Staff

Dec. 31/Jan. 1 ...
Debt

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish
Income
Weekend of December 10/11, 2016

Regular Weekly Collection	$1,863.00
Electronic Giving (12/5 - 12/11, 2016)	$100.00
Total Regular Weekly Collection	**$1,963.00**
Other Parish Income:	
Mass Stipends	$20.00
Donation *(GA)*	$90.00
Utilities *(includes online when applicable)*	$168.00
Immaculate Conception	$358.00
Christmas Flowers	$30.00
Grand Annual	$25.00
Christmas	$10.00
Solemnity of Mary	$5.00
Total Other Income	**$706.00**
Total Income for Operating Expenses	**$2,669.00**
Other Non-Parish Income:	
Debt	$186.00
Debt *(Electronic Giving)*	$50.00
Specialty Ministries	$2.00

Assumption Cash Flow
December 8, 2016 - December 14, 2016

Goretti Supermarket *(Mustard Seed)*	$89.13
Mike Lynch Ent. *(Sand/Salt/Shoveling)*	$625.00
Republic Business *(Altar Bread, Wine, Candles)*	$388.57
RC Bishop of Worcester *(Budget Bill)*	$2,257.00
Sisters of the Assumption	$550.00
St. Brigid Parish *(November Reimbursement)*	$4,676.02
Total Monies Paid	**$8,585.72**

If you requested a Financial Statement for tax purposes last year, we will be sending you one in the mail in January. There is no need to call again. If you did not request one last year and would like to receive one this year, please call Donna in the office during regular business hours (Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM until 3:00 PM) or send her an email at secretary @ stbrigidparish.org.

YOUTH & FAMILY FORMATION

YOUTH MINISTRY

FOLLOW US ON:

www.facebook.com/sbcyc
or
@ MillburyCYC

YOUTH CENTER THIS WEEK

Youth in grades 7-12 welcome!

Thursday, December 29th
7:00-9:30PM
Christmas Fire and Movie Night

Sunday, January 1st
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

CHAIN OF LIGHTS

THANK YOU!!!

Our Chain of Lights event at St. Brigid was a great success. Great weather contributed in a big way, but also many people made it all possible. We would like to thank: Jill Palmisano for coordinating the Craft Fair; All our parent volunteers who coordinated and supervised the kitchen; All our youth volunteers who worked hard and helped spread some Christmas cheer to our visitors. A&D Pizza & Pub for their donation of chili and chowder sold by our youth; All our Craft Fair vendors for their energy and for donating prizes to our raffle; The Millbury Chain of Lights Committee; All our volunteers and those who came by to support us! We raised approximately $1,600 on the day which will be used to help cover the expenses for CSAW 2017!

Faith Formation Sessions December

All sessions begin in Assumption Church Hall promptly at the designated time. Grade 2-6 parents are invited to join their children in Assumption Hall after the 9:00 Mass until 10:15AM for music and opening prayer for each session.

Grade 2	January 8 & 22 10:15 -11:30AM First Eucharist Parent Meeting January 7 9:00AM Assumption Hall
Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6	January 15 & 29 10:15 -11:30AM
Grades 7, 8 & 9	January 15 & 29 6:00 - 7:30PM

CSAW 2017

SAVE THE DATES
July 31 - August 4
Grades 8-12

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Diocese of Worcester
Catholic Parishes of Millbury
Phone: 774-262-5506

MONTHLY MEETINGS

3rd Sunday - 10:00 AM
The Offices of the
Catholic Parishes of Millbury
New Members Welcome!

PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

Monthly: 1st Weekend
Food Bins are located in the Main Entrance of the Church

All food donations must be dropped off on food drive dates and placed in the large blue bins only, no exceptions. NO Perishables, NO Cleanouts

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Monthly: 1st Weekend - 12:15 PM
St. Brigid Church Hall

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS LIST

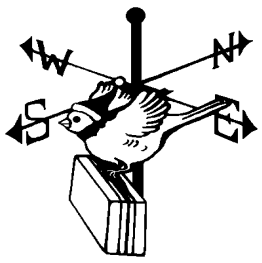
The pantry is in desperate need of the following:

Jelly...Cereal...Oatmeal...Canned Chicken...Tuna...Rice and Rice Products...Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Pancake Mix...Syrup

Please No Perishable, Expired Dates, or Pet Food.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT SHOP

Monday thru Saturday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
507 Park Ave., Worcester (508)752-4232



Snow Policy…
No School/No Mass

For the safety of our parishioners, when school is **canceled or delayed** in the town of Millbury, daily Mass is also canceled.

LOOKING FOR CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING ON CHARTER TV?

Local Diocesan Programming is now on Charter Channel 193; Boston's Catholic TV is on Channel 101, and EWTN is on Channel 18.

Diocese of Worcester
Office of the Bishop
49 Elm Street
Worcester, MA 01609

Christmas 2016

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Each year Christmas brings us a joy that is ever new, ever profound and always inspiring.

In his Apostolic Letter ending the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis spoke of the "desire for closeness to Christ." At Christmas we feel that closeness. God's Son has come to us. He came as one of us. He came out of love so that the distance between God and humanity created by sin might be overcome.

In the midst of all the duties and demands of this busy time, our longing souls sense the sacredness of the season. The birth of Jesus Christ begins God's reconciliation with the world. In the unity of God made man we glimpse signs of the longed for unity and peace of all creation--- angels speak to men, God's glory surrounds shepherds and a star leads the Magi. Led by their longings, all come to the Christ Child before whom they bow down and worship, united in their joy.

Pope Francis also observed that our desire for closeness to Christ must draw us nearer to one another. I pray that as you gather this Christmas with family and friends at Mass and in your homes, the renewed realization of God's love and desire for closeness with each one of us will unite us more closely to one another. Christ is God's greatest gift to us. He who took on human flesh and rested in a manger desires to dwell in our souls that we might all share in His glory forever.

May your worship and prayer bring a renewed sense of wonder at God's love. May that wonder bear the fruit of greater unity and love in our lives, families, Church and world in this joyful season and throughout the New Year.

With every prayerful best wish for a Blessed and Merry Christmas, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Robert J. McManus
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

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Assumption School
Christmas Colors Dress Up Day

Assumption School students had a special dress up day on Friday, December 23rd. They all came to school in red and green to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Assumption School's faculty, staff and students would like to wish everyone a blessed Christmas and thank you all once again for your continued support.

World Wide Marriage Encounter

"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us," Merry Christmas! Give your children the best gift of all-the growing love of their parents. Explore more by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Jan 20-22, 2017 in Duxbury, MA and Mar 17-19, 2017 in South Kingstown, RI. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at www.WWMEMA.org.

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious or lay person working for the Church, and you need a place to talk about your feelings of betrayal or hurt by the Church, call
Judith Audette
Office for Healing and Prevention,
(508) 929-4363.
A 24-hour-a-day confidential voicemail is available.

How about making a Cursillo weekend?

Cursillo or "short course in Christianity" is an uplifting and educational experience. Cursillo was brought from Spain to the United States in 1962. The weekend is facilitated by a team of laypeople and clergy who deliver organized talks and discussions. What the presenters add to the talks is the witness of their own lives, their struggles and triumphs in Christ. The weekend is full of laughter, prayer, great music, wonderful meals and so much more. Our 2017 dates are: Men's February 9-12 & June 22-25; Women's May 18-21 & October 12-15. All weekends will be held at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. For additional information, please contact Carolyn Galgano at 508-847-7005 or angels3cma@gmail.com OR Joan Laracy at 774-239-2474 or joanlaracy@yahoo.com.

RCIA
Right of Christian Initiation of Adults

Have you been a Catholic all of your life and never received all of the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, or Confirmation)? Have you joined us from a different faith background and would like to find out more about the Catholic Church? If either of the above questions applies to you, we would be happy to help you on your journey. If you would like more information, please feel free to call the parish offices at St. Brigid (508-865-6624), and we would be happy to answer any of your questions and inquiries.

PARISH AND LOCAL AREA NEWS

MILLBURY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

CRIBBAGE CLUB -
Join us every Monday at 1:00 PM for our new Cribbage Club! Have Lunch ahead of time at 12 noon to make it a fun filled day! *Noon lunch every Monday through Friday. Suggested donation $2.50. Remember every Friday is special treat day. A 48 hour reservation is required.*

KARAOKE!!
Every Tuesday at 11AM
Join us at the Senior Center for some SING-A-LONG FUN with our **new** Karaoke Machine!

PASTEL DREAMERS
ADULT COLORING CLASSES
Every Thursday 10 - 11:30 AM
NO SUPPLIES NEEDED!
Come give it a try. It's a very relaxing activity.

BRIDGE CLUB
Fridays at 12:30 PM.
Please give us a call and let us know if you are interested, 508-865-9154.

RMV TRANSACTIONS
Every Wednesday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

We focus on Duplicates/Renewals for Licenses, Registrations, Mass ID, and Placard Cards along with Change of Address. Call us for an appointment! 508-865-9154

RESORTS ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

March 19-21, 3 Days 2 Nights
Trip includes Overnight Accommodation at Resort, Transportation
Along with 2 Dinner Vouchers a Show Ticket
Plus $25 Free Slot Play!!
For more information call or come by the Millbury Senior Center for a Flyer!
508-865-9154

YOUR SMILE FOR TODAY ...

Danny had recently passed his driving test and decided to ask his clergyman father if there was any chance of him getting a car for Christmas, which was yet some months away. 'Okay.' said his father 'I tell you what I'll do. If you can get your 'A' level grades up to 'A's and 'B's, study your bible and get your hair cut, I'll consider the matter very seriously.'

A couple of months later Danny went back to his father who said 'I'm really impressed by your commitment to your studies. Your grades are excellent and the work you have put into your bible studies is very encouraging. However, I have to say I'm very disappointed that you haven't had your hair cut yet.

Danny was a smart young man who was never lost for an answer. 'Look dad. In the course of my bible studies I've noticed in the illustrations that Moses, John the Baptist, Samson and even Jesus had long hair.' 'Yes. I'm aware of that...' replied his father '... but did you also notice they walked wherever they went?'

ELDERLY AND/OR HOMEBOUND

Transportation available - 4:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Brigid Church. This ministry is sponsored by both parishes utilizing a handi-capable van. For information call Deacon Ron (508) 865-6624.

SHUTTLE INFORMATION

Saturday, December 24	**Jerry Willette**
Saturday, December 31	**Chris Brady**
Saturday, January 7	**Ted Jakubiak**
Saturday, January 14	**Jan Hanratty**

If you know of a parishioner - who is homebound or shut-in, please contact Deacon Ron at (508) 865-6624 to set up a time to receive Communion